

FILIAL PIETY AND SOCIAL SUPPORT: IS IT STILL RELEVANT FOR OLDER ADULTS IN AGING NATION?

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the level of perceived filial piety and its relevance to older adults' subjective well-being (SWB). Filial piety, a traditional virtue emphasizing respect and care for one's parents and ancestors, has deep roots in various cultures, especially in Asian societies. As demographics shift and societal norms evolve, this study examines how modern values, such as individualism and autonomy, interact with traditional expectations of familial duty. This study was conducted among 441 older adults in Malaysia with a self-administrative survey. Samples were recruited using purposive sampling and the research highlights the perceived filial piety and its contribution to older adults' subjective well-being which encompasses life satisfaction, positive affect, and negative affects. The findings suggest that despite modernization, older adult still expect their children to be filial and it significantly contributes to their well-being. The study underscores the enduring importance of filial piety in fostering familial bonds and enhancing the quality of life for older adults despite advancing technologies.

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